

REMARKS

Claims 10-20, 24-27 and 31-41 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to a laser-welded composite part in which a plastic pipe is connected to another plastic part, where the other plastic part has at least one nipple which is provided for the connection to the pipe. See Claims 10, 17, 24 and 31.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Savitski et al. (U.S. 6,596,122) is respectfully traversed. Savitski et al. fail to disclose the claimed laser-welded composite part.

Savitski et al. describe simultaneous butt and lap joints and a method of making the same. See the Abstract. The reference fails to describe or suggest the use of a nipple to make the connection between a plastic part and a pipe. Accordingly, Savitski et al. fail to disclose or suggest the claimed laser-welded composite part. Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

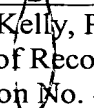
Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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